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Formulations of TRIPS in favour of Developed Countries

***308 SHRI JIBON ROY:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new-item circulated by UNI on 6th July, 2000 which appeared in various newspapers of 7th July all over the country which quoted him as saying that the formulations of the TRIPS are loaded in favour of developed countries and it is at the cost of third world nations; and

(b) if so, whether Government will take initiative to unite the third world nations over the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India, alongwith other developing countries has in international fora, periodically and consistently highlighted our concerns in the context of enforcement of IPRs, and has inter alia emphasized the need for transfer and dissemination of technology in an equitable and mutually advantageous manner between the developed and developing countries.

Industrial Investment in Bihar

***309. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:** Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bihar received the lowest industrial investment proposal, percentage-wise between 1991—2000 when economy was liberalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for the sorry state of affairs in the State; and

(d) the remedial measures Government have initiated to improve industrial scenario in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. The State of Bihar occupies